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1. WHEN GIVING POLCOUNS ADVANCE TEXTS OF ASEAN TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION AND DECLARATION OF ASEAN CONCORD FEB. 24 (REFS A AND B) ALI MURTOPO AIDE LIM BIAN KIE MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH, WHILE SELF SERVING IN EXTREME, MAY SHED SOME LIGHT ON SUMMIT.

2. BIAN KIE SAID THAT AS LATE AS EVENING OF FEB 20 ENTIRE
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ASEAN SUMMIT WAS IN SUCH PARLOUS CONDITION, WITH NO AGREE-
MENT ON AMITY TREATY, DECLARATION, OR TREATMENT OF

ECONOMIC QUESTION (FREE TRADE ZONE, ETC.) THAT SUHARTO AT ONE POINT ANGRILY COMMENTED ENTIRE SUMMIT SHOULD BE CALLED OFF.

3. AS DESCRIBED BY BIAN KIE PROBLEMS EMERGED AS FOLLOWS:

A) AMITY TREATY: FOLLOWING REPORTED MARCOS REMARK IMPLYING AMITY TREATY COULD BE USED UNILATERALLY BY PHILIPPINES AGAINST ALLEGED MALAYSIAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, HUSSEIN ONN RENEGED ON EARLIER GOM AGREEMENT TO TREATY. GOM LATER WAS PERSUADED TO GO ALONG IF THERE WERE ALSO A SECRET PROTOCOL STATING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT UNDER TREATY BY CONSENSUS ONLY. WHEN STATE INTELLIGENCE (BAKIN) CHIEF YOGA TRIED TO OBTAIN MARCOS' AGREEMENT, LATTER SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO PROTOCOL CALLING FOR NON-INTERFERENCE IN OTHER'S TERRITORIES SO OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT MALAYSIA AS TO BE UNACCEPTABLE.

B) DECLARATION: AT LAST MINUTE PHILIPPINES SURFACED DRAFT (BELIEVED WRITTEN BY MARCOS PERSONALLY) WHICH WOULD HAVE REPLACED PREVIOUSLY AGREED DECLARATION WITH POMPOUSLY WORDED "CONCORD." SUBSTANCE WAS, HOWEVER, NOT TOO DIFFERENT.

C) ECONOMIC QUESTIONS (FREE TRADE ZONE): INDONESIA WAS AT FAULT IN REFUSING TO CONSIDER VIEWS OF SINGAPORE AND PHILIPPINES (HERE BIAN KIE TOOK USUAL SWIPE AT ALI'S OLD OPPONENTS, THE TECHNOCRAT MINISTERS).

4. ACCORDING BIAN KIE, ALI AND COLLEAGUES SAVED ASEAN DAY BY:

A) OBTAINING AGREEMENT OF PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA TO OPEN MENTION OF CONSENSUS NATURE OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT UNDER AMITY TREATY; NEW PARA 16 (REF A) WAS INSERTED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE; B) PERSUADING SUHARTO (MAIN HOLDOUT) TO AGREE TO INCLUSION OF WORD "CONCORD" IN TITLE OF DECLARATION, AND SOME OF MARCOS HIGH-FLOWN LANGUAGE IN PREAMBULAR SECTION; C) OBTAINING GENERAL AGREEMENT TO LANGUAGE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS IN DECLARATION WHICH "HINTS" AT FREE TRADE ZONE, AND IN JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE (REF C), LEAVING DETAILS TO ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR MARCH 8-9.

5. BIAN KIE SAID THAT ALI'S MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN MOVING ASEAN TOWARDS AGREEMENT WAS TO GET SUHARTO TO GIVE SPECIAL PREFERENCE TO MARCOS (VISIT HIM FIRST IN HIS COTTAGE, ETC.)

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SINCE MARCOS, WITH DRAFT "CONCORD" ETC., CLEARLY WANTED TO BE "AT LEAST NUMBER TWO IN ASEAN." ALSO, SAID BIAN KIE, ALI PERFORMED A JAVANESE MIRACLE BY GETTING SUHARTO TO CALL ON LEE KUAN YEW (RATHER THAN EXPECTING REVERSE) WHICH FINALLY PUT INDONESIA-SINGAPORE RELATIONS MORE OR LESS BACK ON EVEN KEEL FOLLOWING SINGAPORE'S TIMOR VOTE, AND WHICH HELPED OBTAIN LEE'S AGREEMENT TO COMPROMISE ON ECONOMIC QUESTION. ACCORDING TO BIAN KIE, TWO LEADERS AGREED TO "FORGET THE PAST." NEWSOM

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